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STAR PINK (New)

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In these times of Sputniks, guided missiles and daily scientific break-throughs, you want the latest advances and you want them fast. Time is the essence, even with African Violets. The whole world is a testing ground, new mutations are occurring everywhere. Breeders are re-examining the possibilities of specie and inner genetic crosses to give you new colors and forms.

You want to keep abreast of this progress, and to make it possible, we take cuttings and cross pollenate key plants even while they are being tested. Bad guesses are experience but good guesses save many months in getting the very latest advances to you. The most spectacular new developments include the new Star series presented on the following pages and are the result of combining the large symmetrical Star type flower with pink, blue, white, lavender and doubleness, resulting in a dramatic new race of violets proving themselves by winning the grand award at the National A.V. Convention at Cincinnati last April.

And you may be sure no effort is being spared to breed speckles, stripes, frothy green edges and new black shiny foliage types into them and that you will get them from us first.

But what of reds and yellows you are asking? There is increasing evidence that the African Violet may someday have reds and yellows rivaling the most colorful of the brilliantly colored *Gesneria* and it will be sooner than you think.



Meet Betty who is very fussy about the way your cuttings are wrapped and packed. Potted plants of many varieties not listed here are available at our greenhouses. Visitors are always welcome.

ROOTED CUTTINGS

Rooted cuttings when possible will be clumps of small plants ready to break apart and pot up. However, in some cases, due to heavy sales of very new varieties it may be necessary to ship less advanced cuttings: also when temporarily out of a certain variety it may be necessary to substitute a similar variety or return your money as directed.

SHIPPING

Rooted cuttings will be shipped only during warm weather from the last of April until the first of November.

MINIMUM ORDER

Minimum order is \$5.00 plus \$1.00 extra for postage, packaging and Special Delivery, which gets your plants to you quicker and safer. If you do not want them sent Special Delivery please omit 50c.

NOTICE

We increase the size of the clumps of rooted cuttings on orders over \$10.00.

NEW STAR TYPES IN PINK DOUBLES

Star Hi Pink: A good example of the flower perfection possible in the new Star dbls. Hi Pink in color and of moderate size, dark-green quilted foliage. R.C. \$1.00

Invader: Extremely large, slightly ruffled semi dbl. flowers, averaging 2" across, medium to deep pink with good dark foliage made it the winner at Cincinnati. R.C. \$1.00

My Sin: Bright, reddish pink, very large flowers, a medium sized grower with deep green foliage. R.C. 75¢

Span: One of the freest blooming pinks, good medium pink color, full symmetrical dbl. flowers, dark quilted foliage, very superior. 75¢

NEW STAR TYPES IN PINK SINGLES

Star Pink (New): Wish you could see a block of these in full bloom in the greenhouse, with their black green foliage and huge upright deep pink blossoms. R.C. \$1.00

Primitif: The color of its large upright blossoms, a glowing fuschia pink, is very striking, good dark foliage. R.C. \$1.00

Lovely: Very pretty medium sized plant, pink overlay on white background. R.C. 75¢

NEW STAR TYPES IN BLUE

Bonne Foi: The Star Blue you asked for, just enough doubleness so the huge star blossoms won't fall off. R.C. \$1.00

Blue Flag: You will like this one, its large freely produced flower with a little wave or dip in the petals, and its vigorous habit, sometimes it is blue, sometimes light blue (a single). R.C. 75¢

Spic: Very free blooming with symmetrical medium blue dbl. flowers is a perfect mate for Span. (See above.) R.C. 75¢

NEW STAR TYPES IN WHITE AND TWO-TONES

Mark Robert: Huge white fused with blue Star flower held sturdily above foliage. Medium sized plant (a single). R.C. \$1.00

Star Light: Semi-dbl. light, nearly white, shading to blue in center, good foliage. R.C. 75¢

Star White: Our nearest to white Star, large upright white single flower with a bit of blue in the center. Moderate sized plant. R.C. 75¢

FINEST NEW STAR LAVENDER

Tillie: Very large, attractive single lavender flowers, goes well with Blue Flag, good dark foliage. R.C. 75¢

CLOSEST TO REAL RED

Redderness: Reddest red violet yet, hold it beside any other and it will dim it. A medium sized dbl. Good quilted dark foliage. R.C. \$1.00

Raspberry Pink: Clearest, brightest pink yet, shading to clear red deep in center, excellent dark foliage. R.C. \$1.00

DOUBLE BLUES

Blue Bonus: And a bonus in extra flowers held right above the attractive foliage. Varies from blue and white to solid blue. R.C. 75¢

Cloud Fringe: What a beauty, frilly fringed, frothy light edging around big dbl. flowers, dark wavy foliage. R.C. \$1.00

New York Frills: Similar to above, slightly smaller flowers. Included because of its exceptional performance on the window sill where it blossomed steadily for nearly a year. Superior upright wavy foliage, moderate size. R.C. 75¢

DARK SHINY FOLIAGE

Lingo: Very lovely dark wavy foliage. Large very frilly two-toned lavender dbl. flowers, reminds you of an orchid. R.C. \$1.00

Vagabond: Very beautiful red, reverse wavy foliage, frilled lavender single flowers, good companion for Lingo. R.C. 75¢

VARIEGATED

Swanky: You will love this one, same exotic pink and blue dbl. flowers of parent Swank but vastly improved in its vigor and foliated habits. R.C. \$1.00

Gay Spray: Often has as many as four colors in one blossom — blue, lavender, white and pink. Always has a white eye. (Attention hybridizers: cross with a dbl. pink.) R.C. 75¢

Pink Spray: Sported from the same stock as Gay Spray. Always comes with a pink edge and white center. R.C. 75¢

DOUBLE PINKS

Pink Tea: Show this one off at your Violet tea. Big purplish pink flowers, wavy dark foliage, nice shaped moderate sized plant. R.C. 75¢

My Choice: A veritable cloud of very light shading to deep pink in center, flowers held well in center of a moderate size girl leafed plant. R.C. 60¢

Faire: A very deep pink flowered dark leafed upright growing supreme with the flexibility of a diploid. Mrs. Mildred B. Neilsen, Westport, Conn., writes: "Blossoms are nearly 2" across, I'm so sorry I didn't get more." R.C. 75¢

Holiday Sport: Lilac pink dbl. flowers, very dark red, reverse upright foliage, a natural under lights. R.C. 60¢

A NEW FRILLY DOUBLE PINK

Little Jewel: Very deep pink, frilly edged flowers, dark wavy red-backed foliage, medium sized plant, everybody wants it. Very limited quantity. R.C. \$1.50

WINES

Black Cherry: Still a favorite. Shiny green foliage, small single flowers but what color. R.C. 60¢

Miroc: All around darn good dbl. wine, good color, lots of flowers, fine dark wavy foliage. R.C. 60¢

TV's "THE MOST CHOICE"

Vallin Pink: The best in its class we think. Very frilly, often green edged, deep pink blossoms, wonderful dark red reverse wavy foliage. R.C. \$1.00

TV Scandal: Geneva type, frilled white edge on large deep blue single flowers, red-backed wavy foliage, medium sized plant. R.C. 75¢

Cut Velvet Picotee: Very deep wine, frilly green-edged flowers, red reverse wavy foliage, most superior. R.C. 75¢

TV Summer Dream: Double frilled in many shades of lavender, a summer's dream indeed, characteristic lovely foliage. R.C. 75¢

Whispers: Characteristic lovely frilled dbl. flowers. Nearly white with just a whisper of blue, green wavy foliage, "a doll." R.C. 75¢

LONGFOLIAS "A NEW THRILL"

Double Pink: Large deep pink blossoms on very dark red-backed narrow foliage. R.C. \$1.00

Double Blue: Large blue flowers, bold new narrow foliage, a favorite. R.C. 75¢

Double Red: Same lovely foliage, deep wine flowers. R.C. 75¢

Double Light Blue: So many admired this one, just had to grow it. Same dress, nearly white flowers. Very profuse bloomer. R.C. 75¢

WHITE

Corrine: A try for yellow. Honey Bud on White Pansy. Has dbl. flowers with much chartreuse when young, pure white when mature. Very free bloomer, excellent foliage. R.C. 75¢

Christmas Rose: So many people asked for this we just had to grow it. A dbl. white, girl type with dark green foliage by "Mrs. Hutchens." R.C. 75¢

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African Violet

QUESTIONS

ANSWERED

BY

TWELVE

EXPERTS



Here are the questions you asked —
and answers to solve all your prob-
lems — whether you grow African Violets at windows, under fluorescent
lights, in a greenhouse — 22 pages of drawings to show you how — Indexed.

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Here is a question and answer book on the most popular of all house plants -- the African Violet, or Saintpaulia. The questions are from you: the thousands of African Violet growers and admirers throughout America; the answers, from twelve experts who live and raise Saintpaulias in ten different regions of the country, and who range from housewives and prize-winning exhibitors to a scientific specialist on heredity.

In this book you will find answers to all your 1001 questions -- carefully grouped by subject (Heredity; Bloom; Soils and Fertilizers; Hybridizing; Troubles, Controls, and Cures, from A to Z), and conveniently indexed for quick and easy reference. Whatever your particular problem or interest, you'll find expert advice in these pages. Actually this is a reference book but you will find yourself reading whole sections at a time, just because questions and answers about your favorite plant make such fascinating reading.

18 pages of how-to-do-it and how-to-know-it drawings by Judith Hirtle.

320 pages

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